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“Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart. They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”

Psalm 119:1-6

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. Psalm 118:8

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**GOD’S HOLY DAYS  
2008**

**April 19th**  
Lord’s Supper  
(observed evening before at  
Sundown )

**April 20th-26th**  
Feast of Unleavened Bread\*

June 8th  
Pentecost\*

September 30th  
Feast of Trumpets\*

October 9th  
Day of Atonement\*

October 14th-20th  
Feast of Tabernacles\*

October 21st  
Last Great Day\*  
\*begins evening before

*“We will go where the Spirit of God leads, and teach the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God.”*

*“And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.**”*

Exodus 3:14-15 KJV

**THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD**

*Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.*

*Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.*

*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.*

*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. But the seventh day is the Sabbath to the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:*

*For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.*

*Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.*

*Thou shalt not kill.*

*Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

*Thou shalt not steal.*

*Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

*Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor’s.*

Exodus 20:3-17

**MINISTRIES**

# Kansas City Church of God Ministries

## Schedule APRIL 2008

### APRIL

#### April 5th - Sabbath Service, 1 P.M.

**Hicks Residence**  
**Call: 816-380-7821**

#### April 12th - Sabbath Service, 1:30 P.M.

#### **Topeka - Shawnee County Public Library**

1515 SW 10th Ave.  
Topeka, Kansas 66604  
Phone: 785-580-4495

Service will be held on the 2nd floor on  
West side of bldg.

Directions to Library:

**From the East:** take I-70 to Topeka. Take Exit  
362C - 10th Ave./ Madison St.  
Turn left and follow 10th Ave. for several blocks  
until you come to Library.

**From the West:** take I-70 to Topeka. Take Exit  
359 - Macvicar Ave.  
Turn right and follow Macvicar to 10th Ave. Turn  
left on 10th and follow to Library.

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Since the preparation day falls on April  
19th a weekly Sabbath, be sure and have all  
leavening out of your home by sundown on  
April 18th, or even by the 17th so that you can  
use that day to prepare yourself for taking

*“OUR COMISSION”- “Go ye therefore, and teach  
all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: Teaching them  
to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded  
you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end  
of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28: 19,20*

#### April 18th - Passover/Lord's Supper

#### **Cass County Information Center & Library - Pearson Hall**

400 E. Mechanic St.  
Harrisonville, MO 64701  
Arrive anytime after 7:30  
Sundown is at 7:58 P.M.

Please remember to bring a tub & towel for foot  
washing if you have them. We will have some extras.

#### April 19th - Sabbath Service, 1 P.M.

#### **Optimist Club Building**

109 N. Lexington St.  
Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

#### April 20th - NOON

#### 1st Day of Unleavened Bread

#### **Optimist Club Building**

109 N. Lexington St.  
Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

**Potluck before service.**

**Please bring a covered dish.**

#### April 26th - NOON

#### Last Day of Unleavened Bread

#### **Optimist Club Building**

109 N. Lexington St.  
Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

**Potluck before service.**

**Please bring a covered dish**

**For directions to any of these locations call the  
numbers listed, call 816-380-7821, or if you have  
internet access you can get directions at:**

**[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)**

## GOD'S CREATION ALL AROUND US.

By Stephen Hicks

The wonderful surprises that we are treated with on almost a daily basis just never cease to amaze me. Sadly many of them happen so fast that we don't always get to capture them so that we can share them with all of you.

A few months ago Teresa kept telling me she had seen a giant Woodpecker pecking a hole in some of the trees. After hearing this I went and counted all of the wine bottles, and I was content to find that this hadn't been the cause of her hallucinations, I decided I'd better keep a close eye on her. Well, it wasn't to long before I heard something that sounded like someone hammering a nail into a



board outside so I got up to investigate and much to my surprise, there was a giant woodpecker beating a hole in one of our dead trees. I had Samantha grab the camera and she was able to snap off one shot before it flew away. The picture above is not real clear because it was so far away, but it appears to be a Pileated Woodpecker, and is about the size of a large crow. They are very shy birds and startle easily, but we'll keep working to get a clearer photo.

The other day, Samantha and I were sitting eating lunch and we looked out and saw five deer standing in the front yard. There were three

older does and two yearlings born last spring. As we watched I saw our cat coming out of the field and he walked right by the deer as if they weren't even there. In the photo above you can see that the deer noticed him, and as he stepped along at his slow pace, the two yearlings began to follow him. Once the cat realized they were behind him, he began to high step it across the yard at a quicker pace. As he sped up so did one of the yearlings. We barely got the camera in time to get a couple of shots before the cat decided that it was time for him to escape by breaking into a dead run.

I don't know if he thought they might be going to eat him, but it was really humorous to watch. We try to keep the camera closer now. END





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*As for  
me  
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house,  
we will  
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Lord.*

### Spring Holy Days!

How time flies. It seems as though it wasn't long ago that we had celebrated the Spring Holy Days. I remember my parents say that as they got older time seemed to fly by. I'm not sure that it's because we're getting older, but that it's because we are getting closer and closer to the return of our Lord and Messiah, Jesus. I have thought about this many times and have wondered if God has sped up time because of the terrible atrocities that are happening around us each day.

We know that it's going to get worse as Satan makes his run at destroying all of God's people, and if any of us are still around during the 3 1/2 years of tribulation, which is a very good possibility, we don't want those years to go by slow by any means. I personally would like to see them fly past and bring about the reign of our true King.

As the Passover/ Lord's Supper and Feast of Unleavened Bread get closer it is time for us to take a real good look at ourselves, asking God to search us, and show us our faults. Ask Him to show us those things that we need to change about ourselves, and then ask Him to help us to correct them. David prayed this same thing in Psalm 139:23-24 when he asked God, "*Search me O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*"

David knew the importance of keeping his heart right with God. This is a prayer that we should be asking constantly, and even especially now as we prepare ourselves for God's Feasts.

We know that we have to begin clearing out the leaven from our homes, and in doing so we often for-

get another important subject and that is the cleansing of our fleshly temple in which the Holy Spirit of God dwells. So often we work so hard at cleaning out the leaven and preparing our house that we completely forget about cleaning and preparing ourselves as we should.

We know that we sin, we know often times we fall short of glorifying God. What a better time to re-dedicate our selves to God and His Will, and if we haven't been, we can repent from the heart and ask God for forgiveness. We can ask Him to forgive us and to lead us, as David said, "in the way of everlasting." You have to be sincere about this or God will see right through it. Consider what David said in Psalm 44:21 before you pray. He said, "*Shall not God search this out? For He knoweth the secrets of the heart.*" This is nothing to take lightly.

God doesn't want forced obedience, He wants willing obedience to Him.

We cannot walk with God when our heart belongs to the world, because the two don't agree and work against one another.

Read what Paul said in Galatians 5:16-26, "*<sup>16</sup>This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. <sup>18</sup>But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup>Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup>Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, <sup>23</sup>Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup>And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. <sup>25</sup>If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. <sup>26</sup>Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.*"

When you take a bath you say, "I am clean." But truly aren't we still unclean if our heart remains full of evil and filth? The soap and water won't wash away the evil in a persons heart. That person has to make the decision to change, and once that decision is made with true heart felt sincerity, then God will listen and will help them to change.

Jesus told His disciples where the evil in person truly comes from in Mark 7:20, (Continued on Page 6)

# Young Disciples in Training

## Growing Closer to God

By Samantha Hicks

The Day my dad got injured I never would have thought this ordeal would change my life and bring me much closer to God. I have always known God was there for me when I needed Him and even when I thought I didn't, but now I know how to put things in His hands and trust Him.

When my Dad came home and told me he was going to have surgery I freaked out. I thought "God how could you do this?" My feelings and emotions went crazy. I didn't know what to think. My Dad told my older sister Stephanie and I that he may never be able to sing or even talk loud again. I felt so angry with God. I just didn't understand why he was having to go through something like this.

The night before his surgery I was so scared I might lose my Dad if something where to go wrong . I thought of every thing bad that could happen during the surgery. Finally I decided to pray. I told God I was scared and I was sorry for blaming Him for what was happening to my Dad. I began to cry and I asked God if He could hold my hand through all of this. I raised my right hand in the air and suddenly it felt like someone grabbed my hand and held it in theirs. I knew He was there right beside me.

All my fears went away and I knew that my Dad was going to be okay as long as I trusted in God. I knew whatever happened in the surgical room would be God's choice not mine. My mind and heart became eased, and everything around me was peaceful.

Trusting in God is very important. He knows what will happen to us. The future is something that may not always be clear to us. I love that God taught me this. It is such a great thing to learn. Now I try to give God all my trust, and yes, sometimes this is a very difficult thing to do, but I know now that a greater outcome results when you trust and believe in him. END.

*"My precious child, I never left you during your time of trial. Where you only see one set of footprints, I was carrying you."*



## FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE BIBLE STUDY

*Study begins at 7 p.m.*

**Join us by calling: 1-304-848-6940**

**When the recording begins enter:  
1699932**

*(The study is approximately 30 minutes long  
and is a toll call unless you have unlimited long  
distance, or call from your cell phone.)*

## CHURCH FORMING IN TOPEKA, KANSAS AREA.

Anyone interested in being a part  
of this church group please contact  
the local hosts.

Judy Hermann (785)-554-9089

OR

Tom Shadoin (785)-233-5905

*“But go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.  
And as ye go, preach, saying,  
The kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the  
dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received,  
freely give. Provide neither gold, nor silver,  
nor brass in your purses, nor scrip for your  
journey, neither two coats, neither shoes,  
nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of  
his meat.” Matthew 10:6-10 KJV*

## CLINTON CHURCH OF GOD

**For information on other weekly  
services during the month contact the lo-  
cal hosts:**

John & Jeana Booth: 1-660-890-2512

or

Marlene Brown: 1-660-492-0423

## Heber Springs, AR Church of God

### Local Services

Saturday, April 5th, 1PM

Saturday, April 12th, 1PM

Saturday, April 19th, 1PM

Saturday, April 26th, 1PM



**Hosts: Don & Charlene Mayfield  
(501) 362-3672**

*We will notify locally about Passover  
& Feast arrangements..*

*(Continued from Page 4) “<sup>20</sup>And he said, That which cometh out of  
the man, that defileth the man. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of the heart of  
men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup>Thefts,  
covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blas-  
phemy, pride, foolishness: <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and  
defile the man.”*

Any changes we make have to start from within. We should  
work on these changes year round until we have under control those  
things that we do that are contrary to God’s Ways. By no means can  
we change everything and be perfect overnight, but we have to strive  
for that perfect example, which is to become a reflection of our Heav-  
enly Father. This is what Jesus was talking about when He said that  
those who had seen Him had seen the Father. He was a walking, talk-  
ing reflection of God in the flesh. He showed each of us that it can be  
done, but it won’t happen as long as we conform to the ways of this  
world.

Don’t ever let anyone tell you that it’s too late to change. As  
long as we have a breath in us, we can make changes.

Settle any differences you may have with anyone, put away any  
bitterness, any anger, and anything that might keep you from properly  
taking part in the coming Holy Days. Come with a joyful heart, and  
honor God at His appointed Feasts. END

# JUST FOR FUN!

The following trivia questions will be a mix of easy, fairly easy, hard, and bonus question which may or may not be challenging. Please don't be discouraged if you don't know some of the answers, just challenge yourself to learn. All answers will be published in the next newsletter.

1. Four (Daniel 3:25)
2. A fall (Proverbs 16:18)
3. Joseph of Arimathea (Matthew 27:57, 58)
4. Thirty years old (Genesis 41:46)
5. Seven times (2 Kings 4:32-35)
6. Two (Genesis 19:1)
7. The daughter of Herodias (Matthew 14:6-11)
8. Jeremiah
9. Ham, Shem, and Japheth: the sons of Noah (Genesis 5:32)
10. Isaiah (Acts 8:27-30)
11. Judea (Matthew 3:1)
12. Paul and Silas (Acts 16:25)
13. Eunice (2 Timothy 1:5)
14. Haman (Esther 7:9,10)
15. Othniel (Judges 1:13; 3:9) and 1 Samuel (7:8)
16. Elymas (Acts 13:6-12)
17. Simeon (Genesis 42:18-20,24)
18. Elkanah (1 Samuel 1:8)
19. Zechariah (Zechariah 5:1)
20. The Benjamites (Judges 20:15,16)

1. Who wrote with his finger on the ground?
2. What is the shortest verse in the New Testament?
3. The Israelites were bitten by \_\_\_\_\_ and were healed by looking at the same creature made out of brass.
4. How many of the clean animals did Noah take into the Ark?
5. Who had shoes that lasted for forty years and did not wear out?
6. Who dreamed about a ladder which reached up to heaven?
7. To whom were the following words addressed? "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee."
8. When Joseph's brothers first came to Egypt, he put them into jail for:  
A. 1 day B. 2 days C. 3 days D. 4 days E. 5 days F. 6 days
9. Paul preached on Mars' Hill. In what city is Mars' Hill located?
10. What was the name of Jacob's firstborn child?
11. "As it is written, \_\_\_\_\_ have I loved, but \_\_\_\_\_ have I hated."
12. When David scrubbed on the doors of the gate, and let spittle fall down his beard, and pretended to be crazy, he was doing this because he was afraid of \_\_\_\_\_.
13. What was the name of the runaway slave that went back to his master?
14. In which book do you find the following words: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?"
15. What was the name of the woman that slept at the feet of her future husband?
16. What was the name of the left handed Benjamite who killed King Eglon?
17. What woman in the Bible had 5 husbands?
18. What person in the Bible walked forty days without eating?
19. How many years were added to Hezekiah's life?
20. David disobeyed God and numbered the people. As a result God gave David the choice of A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5 different kinds of punishment he could choose.

## Unleavened Bread

3 cups flour    2 tablespoons oil or butter  
3 large eggs    1/2 cup water or milk  
1 teaspoon salt

Combine flour and salt. Combine eggs and oil; beat, then add egg mixture to flour. Add milk, beat hard for 2-3 minutes. Pour into three 8 inch square greased pans. Bake at 450 degrees F for 20 minutes.



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IN **COLOR** AT THE WEBSITE.

The Live Friday Night Bible Studies are now available to download, or listen to online. We will continue to add new ones as we complete them, so keep checking the site. You can find them at the KC website by clicking on the link to the KC page, then click the link to the audio bible studies.

**LISTEN TO AND DOWNLOAD  
AUDIO SERMONS**

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

*We will begin listing all requests for one month unless there is a reason to keep them on longer. Please write down the prayer requests each month, or cut this page out to use as a reference. It is very important that we are kept informed of the progress of the people put on this list. If we have removed someone's name by mistake, please let us know and we will put them back on the list.*

1. Pray that God will continue to bless His flocks.
2. Pray for all of God's ministers.
3. Aiden Alder. Leukemia. Last report said that Aiden's immune system was none existent and he was having trouble with infections.
4. Marlene Brown. Still having back problems.
5. Sherman Robertson. Is going to have another surgery on his knee to fix cartilage & ligament damage.
6. Alan & Cathy Perry & family. Need prayer for several health issues.
7. Bailee Woods: Young girl with Leukemia is doing lots better, but still isn't out of the woods yet.
8. Lori Harvey. Is having surgery on her toe, and has been diagnosed with tumors on her ovaries. They are waiting on a date to remove them.
9. Mary Starbuck. Having problems with her feet and legs.
10. Carol Rojas. She is recovering from surgery.
11. Kevin Mathes & family. Recently had their house sold on the courthouse steps due to being unable to make payments.
12. Alana Perry. Has painful bump that she is concerned about.
13. Amy Hicks. Doctors have had her on blood thinners and now they have discovered that her blood count is down.
14. Georgia Powell. Pray for up coming surgery to get plaque cleaned from arteries.

*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16*

*"Thank You for Your Prayers!"*

### **Praises to God.**

*If God has answered your prayers, let us know so we can give God praise.*

1. Stephen Hicks. See Page 10.

***Due to the fact that the normal preparation day for Unleavened Bread falls on a weekly Sabbath, you will need to remove all leavening before sundown on April 18th.***

### **Foods With Leavening**

Yeast  
Bicarbonate of soda (Baking Soda)  
Baking Powder  
Sourdough (A natural fermenting yeast batter or liquid)

### **Some Of The Foods Which Can Contain The Above Leavening Agents Are:**

Bread  
Rolls  
Buns  
Cakes  
Some Crackers  
Pancakes  
Waffles  
Doughnuts  
Certain Cookies  
Certain Cereals

### **If You Are In Doubt About Any Product, Check The Ingredients. When In Doubt About A Particular Food, Don't Eat It.**

**Egg Whites** are not considered to be a leavening agent. However, egg whites when beaten can leaven by expansion of the air and by steam when heated. Therefore, egg whites should not be used as a substitute for leaven in an attempt to get around the spirit of the law.

**Yeast Extract** on the labels of certain foods are derivatives of yeast that cannot leaven anything. It would be all right to use a product containing yeast extracts providing it does not contain an actual leavening agent.

**Brewers Yeast** is a food supplement that contains all the elements of the B vitamin complex. It has no leavening.

**Cream of Tartar** by itself is not a leavening agent.

**Torula Yeast** is not a leavening agent

**Autolyzed Yeast** is not a leavening agent. It is a flavor enhancer.

**Corn Starch** is not a leavening agent.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Stephen Hicks at: [goodnewsminister@earthlink.net](mailto:goodnewsminister@earthlink.net) or call at: (816) 380-7821

I just wanted to take this time to thank God first, but also to thank all of my brethren who sent cards, called me, and who kept me in their thoughts and prayers through everything. It is so wonderful when we are down to be reminded that so many people care for us.

I went last week for my after surgery follow up with the surgeon and he has released me to begin working my way back to full strength. We asked him about what I could do without hurting my back or the work that had been done on my spine, and he told me that I needed to start slow, but that eventually the only limits would be whatever I didn't feel comfortable doing. All I can say to that is, "Praise God Almighty!" He did go on to say that I could still possibly have some muscle spasms, some headaches, mild back pain, and some minor soreness as everything continues healing. I have developed some after surgery gout in my right foot that was very painful for a few days, but has been tapering off. I still can't put complete pressure on the balls of my foot, but I can still walk on my heel for now until it goes away.

Since I have been down from January 22nd, I've found out that I'm still very weak in my muscles, and I shake a bit when I start getting tired, but it is so wonderful to be able to use my left arm and hand again without pain. I do appreciate your continued prayers, because we all know that they work.

I was supposed to see the surgeon in four weeks, but due to him being off for the Holy Days, I will see him on April 30th for x-rays and hopefully my final follow-up.

I have been thanking God for Teresa and Samantha. When I was hurting, they stood by this grumpy man, and loved him, and waited on him, and they keep on reminding me to slow down, and to let my body heal. God has surrounded me with so much love, what more could I ask for.

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